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Michelle A. Clark, Ph.D.
Interim Dean

As we begin a new year, it is important that we take a moment to reflect not only on the past year's challenges, but more importantly, to appreciate our accomplishments and triumphs. As your interim dean, I have the privilege to work alongside some of our profession's greatest assets – our faculty, staff and administrators. I also receive utmost joy from our outstanding students who, each day, give me a sense of pride for what the future of pharmacy holds.

This year we saw great success with the opening of the CAREERx SPACE, the approval of a new residency program, award winning faculty and student presentations, and the implementation of an innovative Pharm.D. curriculum.

In May we graduated the first cohort of students from the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Affairs program, the only one of its kind in the U.S.

The NSU edge is reflected in all we do with events such as the FuturesRx Summit, our annual Travel Study program, and scholarly presentations at national and

international conferences. Our student organizations are involved in fund raising activities, community projects, interprofessional training, and health fairs, which positively impact the community. As the college continues to develop our emerging leaders, we will be recognized as the program with the edge to dominate in the profession, increasing our visibility nationwide.

Thanks to the philanthropy of our community partners and alumni, the college has provided approximately \$200,000 in scholarships to students, and internship opportunities with local, national and international organizations.

In 2019 we will continue to *Dream* of transforming the profession of pharmacy, and create innovative ways of teaching, learning, and research. We will *Dare* to take risks that will benefit our students, alumni, stakeholders, communities and the world. And we will continue to *Discover* new methodologies, conduct and support new research and share those findings to improve global health. We will do all this as we prepare to dominate and help people live healthier, better lives. Go Sharks!

Shark Pride!

Michelle A. Clark, Ph.D.

FACULTY PRIDE

Karen Sando, Pharm.D., Elected to FSHP Board of Directors



Karen Sando, Pharm.D.

Karen Sando, Pharm.D., BCACP, BC-ADM, assistant dean of accreditation and assessment, was elected as a member of the board of the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP) on August 23, 2018. Sando will serve a 3-year term

which starts this year as board-elect member followed by 2 years as a full board member.

Sando has been involved with FSHP since she was a pharmacy student and last year served as chair of the FSHP's legal and regulatory affairs council. This was the catalyst to applying to be part of the Board of Directors, as a way to provide her experiences to the organization as a whole. Her background and experience as an ambulatory care pharmacist and in academia allows her to bring a unique voice to the board, representing these areas in the organization's strategic initiatives. [Read more...](#)

Faculty and Alumnus Win Award at 2018 ISPOR Asia Pacific Conference



Leanne Lai, Ph.D., professor of sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy, along with NSU Alumnus, **Naoto Nakagawa, Pharm.D., Ph.D.**, ('10), were awarded Best Research Poster at the 2018 ISPOR Asia Pacific conference in Tokyo, Japan in September 2018 entitled, "*Cost-effectiveness Analysis of Neuraminidase Inhibitors*

for Influenza Virus Infection in Japan". Nakagawa also received the honor of being awarded as Best New Investigator Presentation for this project, once again uplifting NSU in an international forum.

NSU COP P4 students, **Linh Dang, Dung Vuong, Vy Ngo, and Jailin Yo**, were also in attendance and presented their research poster entitled "*Drug-Drug Interaction in Children and Adolescents with Depression Disorder*". Dang said of this NSU edge, "It was an unforgettable experience for us to acquire new knowledge in health system leadership/governance and health care financing, health information and research, health workforce, as well as health service delivery." She continues, "It was an opportunity to gain valuable insights and tools to take back to our future careers and engage with multiple global experts in the pharmacy field, make connection with colleagues, collaborators, and recognized leaders around the world."

Thank you to Drs. Lai and Nakagawa and our P4 students for representing NSU COP at this prestigious event and once again showcasing how we prepare our students to be a force of nature.

Alexandra Perez, Pharm.D., M.S., Completes One-Year Faculty Fellowship



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Alexandra Perez, Pharm.D., M.S., associate professor of sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy, completed a one-year faculty fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh's Institute for Clinical Research Education titled "*Expanding National Capacity in Patient-Centered Outcomes Research through Training (ENACT)*" program. Over this year, she completed two online courses entitled "Writing a successful concept proposal" and "Writing a full contract proposal" and made 2 two-week on-site visits at the University of Pittsburgh where she completed further

training. As a result of this fellowship, Perez wrote and submitted an R21 to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) this past October titled: “*Comparative effectiveness of antihyperglycemic regimen intensification and renal outcomes*” for \$375,000 over 3 years. She is looking forward to new opportunities because of this fellowship.

Living the Values

The Living the Values program recognizes employees who are living one of NSU’s eight core values.

July – STUDENT CENTERED



Jessica Duran Carrasquillo, administrative assistant, has embodied the value of “Student Centered” as she provides a positive attitude and reassurance to all COP students she encounters handling confidential information and private student situations excellently. With patience and kindness, she helped a student through a difficult situation providing words of wisdom, encouragement, and motivation. Ms. Duran provided the student with enough confidence and support to achieve academic success and professional development.

August – OPPORTUNITY

Emma Colon, saw an opportunity to help a fellow employee and patient and took it. A customer had a very high co-pay on a particularly expensive medication. Colon took it upon herself to find a manufacturer coupon online, saving the patient \$40 per month. Her behavior showcases one of our core beliefs at the NSU Clinic Pharmacy: service that is excellent to all customers.

September – SCHOLARSHIP AND RESERACH



For Althea Harvey, M.S., research support specialist, Ph.D. Program, meeting grant submission deadlines is a primary function. Normally, grants must be submitted to the Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education eight days in advance of the funding agencies deadline. In May 2018, a substantial grant was submitted with only two days lead time. Knowing the importance of these grants, Harvey was relentless in doing what was necessary to get all the required signatures, staying in contact with appropriate staff, identifying alternatives where needed, and keeping the Office of Sponsored Programs apprised. This remarkable display of perseverance and passion led to making the deadline with two hours to spare. She really went above expectations with a small submission window and, if granted, the award could be an impact of over \$2 million.

October – DIVERSITY



Kim Simmons, M.S., administrative coordinator, PhD program, has consistently exhibited qualities as a champion of inclusion and diversity. The PhD program is comprised primarily of international students, who are from diverse cultural experiences. In pursuing her daily responsibilities, Simmons is mindful of the students' customs and traditions, being careful to schedule meetings in accordance to specific culturally observed holidays, is cognizant of the student's traditional dietary restrictions—vegetarian, vegan, etc. and opens her home to students on Thanksgiving and Christmas so they can enjoy the cultural exchange. The students openly appreciate Simmons for the respect and inclusion they receive on their academic journey at the NSU College of Pharmacy.

Faculty, Residents and Staff Welcome!



Huy Pham, Pharm.D., is a PGY-1 Community Pharmacy Resident. [More information.](#)



Rucha Acharya, Pharm.D. is a PGY-1 Community Pharmacy Resident. [More information.](#)



Gary Burdge, Pharm.D., is a PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident. [More information.](#)



Andrew Karas, Pharm.D., is a PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident. [More information.](#)



Nichelle Logan, Pharm.D., is a PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Resident. [More information.](#)



Elaina Rosario, Pharm.D., is a PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Resident. [More information.](#)



Tricia A. Gangoo–Dookhan, Pharm.D., joined the College of Pharmacy as a Clinical Pharmacist – MTM



Yuleika De Castro, M.B.A., joined the College of Pharmacy as the associate director, communications & alumni relations



Rose Llanos, M.A., joined the #pharmily as assistant director II – graduate admissions

Perl Tobias joined the #pharmily as administrative coordinator I, Department of Sociobehavioral and Administrative Pharmacy



Saudia Hack joined the College of Pharmacy as administrative assistant I, professional program



Claudia Orrego joined the College of Pharmacy as administrative coordinator, Department of Pharmacy Practice

COLLEGE PRIDE

PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Residency Accreditation Granted



Tina Joseph, Pharm.D.

NSU COP is proud to announce the official accreditation for our Ambulatory Care Postgraduate Year Two (PGY-2) Pharmacy Residency under the direction of **Tina Joseph, Pharm.D.**, BCACP, assistant professor of pharmacy practice. The program is the first of its kind in South Florida and speaks to the high caliber education provided by NSU COP. Be on the lookout for the full story on what it took to achieve this accreditation in our upcoming Spring 2019 COP Magazine.

NSU College of Pharmacy's Brain Research and Integrated Nutrition (B.R.A.I.N.) Center Hosts Nutritional Factors in Autism Symposium



Richard Deth, Ph.D. and Susan Gutman



Autism Conference speakers dinner

NSU Launched the B.R.A.I.N. Center in February 2018 to conduct basic and clinical research into metabolic causes of brain disorders and their treatment, as well as provide related educational programming. On October 19, the Center hosted a one-

day conference welcoming close to 100 attendees at its first educational program. The program provided information to parents and professionals about the causes of autism and potential treatment approaches, including nutraceutical options. It further provided information on the critical role of epigenetic regulation in brain development and its sensitivity to environmental toxins. **Richard Deth**, Ph.D., director of the B.R.A.I.N. Center and professor of pharmaceutical sciences, welcomed guests and was the keynote speaker. Faculty members from the College of Pharmacy and several guest speakers provided a range of topics including “*The Importance of Nutritional Evaluation of the Patient with Developmental Challenges*”, “*How to Incorporate Nutritional Genomics into Treatment Modalities for ASD*”, “*The Importance of a Well-functioning GI Tract in Autism*”, among others. A complete list of speakers and accompanying videos is available on the [B.R.A.I.N. Center website](#). Next year’s conference will focus on the Nutritional Factors in Alzheimer’s Disease. Updates will be posted on the website.

Puerto Rico Celebrates Women Pharmacist Day



Women are making an impact in the profession of pharmacy with over 75% of all pharmacy graduates being women. The contribution of women has now been recognized via an official proclamation by the Senate of Puerto Rico making October 12 “Women Pharmacist Day”. The event took place at Cardinal Health with the participation faculty members of Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy: **Blanca Ortiz**, Pharm.D., ('03), assistant dean, and **Julie Marin**, Pharm.D.

('07), director of experiential education, who shared insight on work done in the pharmacy academic setting.

“It’s a culture shift. Traditionally, the field was more masculine and now, with so many women in the pharmacy profession, we are changing the way the medical field sees us,” says Marin. She continues, “Pharmacists are now being called on as an integral part of a multidisciplinary team that provides a comprehensive approach to the continuum of care for patients, which is more than just counting tablets or dispensing medications. It’s about really listening to the patient and having the heart to serve.”

CAREERx SPACE is Officially Open for Service!



After much anticipation, the CAREERx SPACE opened its doors on September 6 to students and alumni as the hub for professional development and career services. With over 25 services, CAREERx SPACE provides a state-of-the-art video studio with professional backdrop, lighting and sound, for virtual interviews, a video resource center, online appointment setting, curriculum vitae review, public speaking training, residency training and match support, and much more.

This NSU edge will help NSU COP students create that important first impression and dominate in their career search. **Scott Kjelson**, Pharm.D., C.Ph., director of student transitions wanted to create a space where students can get face-to-face exposure to potential employers without having to travel long distances. “A lot of today’s employment market is based on the positive emotion you create,” said Kjelson. He continues, “That kind of emotion cannot always translate via an email, CV or phone call. CAREERx SPACE fills the missing link when students cannot always be there in person.”

Additionally, CAREERx SPACE allows Kjelson to connect with students for one-on-one, individualized consultations virtually and in person. This helps to meet the demands of ever-changing life schedules and gives students the convenience of flexible meeting schedules. The future of CAREERx SPACE includes the integration of a job board that will consolidate all pharmacy employment opportunities in one place and connect employers to COP students and alumni. CAREERx SPACE provides access to training and opportunities outside the classroom and helps to advance the profession by developing professionals who will dominate in the pharmacy profession.

NSU COP Attends the 79th Annual FIP World Congress in Scotland



Albert Wertheimer, Ph.D. at the Congress

Members of our COP #pharmily attended the 79th Annual International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Glasgow, Scotland in September. The event drew close to 4,000 attendees throughout the four-day event representing more than 100 countries across the globe. Faculty members from sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy department present included **Manuel Carvajal, Ph.D.**, **Albert Wertheimer, Ph.D.** and **Barry Bleidt, Ph.D.** who attended lectures and presentations centered around four main topics: *From bench to bedside: Advancing pharmaceutical care*, *Partners in health*, *Empowered for health* and *Targeting special interests*. According to Wertheimer, participating in this event provides an avenue to share solutions, ideas, aspirations and progress. He said, “I return with fresh ideas to try out and with new contacts; new friends and colleagues I can contact if I might need assistance. And the others found a new colleague in me.” He brings his learnings back to the classroom with new techniques such as, methodologies to contain drug costs, preparation and certification of technicians, how drug formulary decisions are made, and how different schemes are used to establish co-payment amounts. The college’s participation in this event furthers our commitment to promoting global health care while promoting the College, recruiting students and sharing trends and issues in global health care. [Read more...](#)

NSU COP Puerto Rico Holiday Health Fair



On December 17, our Puerto Rico campus hosted a Holiday Health Fair where over 125 children and 100 adults were blessed with toys, school supplies and other essentials. It was a team effort comprised of NSU faculty members, staff and students who organized the event, collected and distributed gifts. Student leaders and mentors also coordinated and performed more than 200 screening tests. Our special thanks to **Julie Marin**, Pharm.D. ('07), and **Diana Torres** ('20) for taking the lead of this event helping to make it a success. Also in attendance was president of the Puerto Rico Pharmacist Association (CFPR), Lcdo. **Alfredo Román**, who joined us in this effort and participated in the screening tests. Another example of how NSU faculty, staff and students help people live healthier, better lives.

STUDENT PRIDE

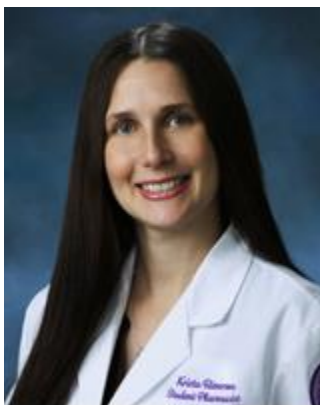
Glucose Games Still a Hit in Its Tenth Year



On November 17, APhA-ASP Chapter hosted NSU's largest interprofessional event of the year at the Dolphin Practice Facility Dome. The Glucose Games is a flag football tournament that aims to bring unity within the NSU community while raising funds for a great cause. This year, the event raised close to \$3,300, which will be donated to Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth (FLIPANY), providing healthy meals and physical activity programs to kids in South Florida. Over 300 students from 10 NSU colleges participated alongside students from Larkin University College of Pharmacy. The Glucose Games has become a highly anticipated event and continues to grow every year.

More to come about this student-centered event in the Spring 2019 COP magazine.

Krista Riveron Earns 2018 HIMSS South Florida Chapter Scholarship



Krista Riveron

Dual Pharm.D./MSBI candidate, **Krista Riveron** ('19), was awarded the \$5,000 scholarship by the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) South Florida Chapter after being nominated by the MSBI program. This inspiring student has served as Vice President of Student Government on the Palm Beach Campus while juggling four young children and maintaining a 4.0 average in her Informatics coursework.

Learn more about Riveron's journey in our upcoming Spring 2019 COP magazine.

ALUMNI PRIDE

Dave Lacknauth named 2018 COP Distinguished Alumni



Dave Lacknauth, Pharm.D.

Congratulations to **Dave Lacknauth**, Pharm.D., M.B.A, M.S. on his selection as this year's College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Honoree. His contributions to the profession were highlighted during NSU's Homecoming week at the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony on November 7. Read more about Lacknauth's accomplishments in our upcoming Spring 2019 COP Magazine.

Alumni news

James Neilen, Pharm.D. ('13) started a new position as Neuroscience Clinical Staff Pharmacist at Florida Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Jawad Kamal, Pharm.D., M.B.A. ('18) was promoted to Pharmacist at Walgreens, Miami/Fort Lauderdale area, FL

Fatimah Sherbeny, Pharm.D., Ph.D. ('18) started as assistant professor at Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL

Tell us your story

Email your updates and stories to copalumni@nova.edu.
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